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Applicant: Kenneth Hinds
Filing Date: October 6, 2005
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Examiner: Hope A Robinson
Title: Method for Preparation of Site-Specific Protein Conjugates
Attorney Docket Number: 007184-51 US
Customer Number: 36,234

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the USPTO on July 16, 2009, to which a three-month shortened statutory for reply expired October 16, 2009. Applicant herein requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, thus extending the period for response to January 16, 2010. This response has been filed on Tuesday, January 19th, 2009 as January 16, 2009 was a Saturday and Monday, January 18, 2009 was a federal holiday (Martin Luther King Day). As such, this response is timely filed. A Petition for Extension of Time and a payment of \$555.00 for a three-month extension of time to respond is attached herewith. It is believed that no additional fee is currently due. In the event that an additional fee is deemed necessary or overpayment due in connection with this response, the undersigned authorizes the charge to be applied to Deposit Account No. 502679. Furthermore, a Declaration has been filed in support of the remarks made herein.

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Please reconsider the application as follows: